

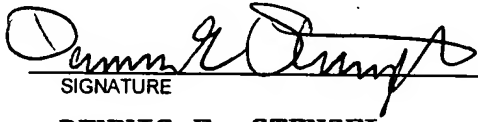
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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER <b>DES.: 3568.0099</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/EP2003/006366</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>17 JUNE 2003</b>	U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>10/516405</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>MEMBRANE, DEVICE AND METHOD FOR REMOVING PROTEASES FROM LIQUIDS</b>		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>11 JULY 2002</b>
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>DEMME ET AL.</b>		
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